The Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation's Summer Institute for Sustainability Education For Middle & High School Teachers

July 19 - 23, 2010 at Simmons College



Co-Sponsors Boston Latin School Youth Climate Action Network and Simmons College

Join us for 5 days of professional growth, thought-provoking discussion and expert-led curriculum development in Education for Sustainability (EfS). Learn how to provide students with the knowledge and approaches they need to contribute to sustainable development and a future that is environmentally healthy, economically sound and socially just.

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Participants will:

- Discover how sustainability can provide an integrating context for content and standards already being taught, while raising student engagement and performance.
- Understand product life-cycle analysis, the concept of the commons and governance and how related "big ideas" can be used as teaching tools.
- Learn how to apply systems thinking to curriculum by understanding its relevance to instruction.

Program highlights:

- Expert-led break-out sessions on subjects such as the emerging green economy; population; renewable energy and using the school building and grounds as learning tool
- Guided Curriculum work. Redesign a curriculum unit independently of in gradelevel groups with sustainability education as an underlying theme. Institute faculty provides guidance and feedback as well as lesson plans and curriculum materials for out-of-the-box use.

Be part of the MA Education for Sustainability Campaign

BLS Youth CAN students have launched the Massachusetts Education for Sustainability (EfS) Campaign, to establish state-wide EfS standards and curricula. Institute participants will have the opportunity to develop EfS curriculum to be piloted at BLS in the 2010/2011 school year. For details: www.blsyouthcan.org

CELF 2010 Summer Institute

Workshop Details:

- ► \$595 for 5-day Institute including guided curriculum development;
- ▶ \$495 for first 3-days of Institute, covering EfS content and pedagogy;
- ► Graduate credits and PDPs available;
- Scholarships and stipends available, details available <u>online</u>;
- ► Location: Simmons College, 300 Fenway, Boston, MA 02038
- ► APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 14, 2010.

In addition to working on their own units, Institute participants receive a subscription to an extensive on-line library of interdisciplinary resources through the **Creative Change Education Solutions Curriculum & Resource Center (CRC)**. **CRC Site includes:**

- ► individual assessment tools; full courses with complete student booklets; and multimedia support tools
- search feature to download ready-made individual lessons by age, discipline, topic and more. Teachers can download lessons to create a customized unit complete with all student materials.

Previously held only in New York, the Summer Institute has already helped hundreds of educators integrate sustainability concepts into existing curriculum frameworks.

"Education for sustainability is a way for our declining nation to re-invent and re-vitalize itself. The (workshop) organization, spirit of questioning, and positive leadership were appreciated!" - AP Biology & Chemistry teacher, New Rochelle High School, NY

'For years students have been hearing about how they need to 'save the earth', but it has been limited to recycling and turning off the lights. Sustainability is a way of thinking, not just a list of things to do. The CELF Summer Institute helped us develop quality curriculum and themes that can be infused throughout all subject areas' - Middle School Science Teacher, Rye Middle School, NY



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Boston Latin School Youth Climate Action Network <u>www.blsyouthcan.org</u> The Oldest School, The Newest Thinking: Educating for Sustainability



The **Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation's** mission is to bring about enduring institutional change to education by promoting sustainability as a core to K-12 learning framework.

First time offered in Boston region!